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The Problem:

Conservation Patron Licenses are currently \$165 for the right to hunt and fish in the State of Wisconsin. Last year, Wisconsin adopted a Conservation Patron Junior License for people between the ages of 12-18, this license was offered at a reduced rate. Spouse's of people who purchase the Conservation Patron License do not receive a discounted fishing license. There is a discounted rate when you buy a Husband & Wife Fishing license. The current fee for a fishing license is \$20 and if you buy a Husband & Wife Fishing License the current cost is \$31. Therefore, you save \$9 as a couple. However, there is no reduced rate for a spouse to purchase a fishing license when their spouse is purchasing a much more expensive license in the Conservation Patron License.

There is already a downward fall of what families are doing together in America. This cost of the regular fishing license is limiting Wisconsin Families of spending quality time outdoors.

At present, state law does not include or discount a spouse buying a regular Wisconsin Fishing License when their spouse purchases a Conservation Patron License. We feel that Wisconsin, with its great fishing tradition, should be a model for the other Midwestern states to follow.

Whereas, many spouses are left at home or need to buy a regular price license to fish.

Whereas, Fishing is a family sport in Wisconsin, therefore to include the whole family and make it affordable to take your family out fishing in Wisconsin in this high priced world.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in **Washington County on April 10th, 2006**, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes allowing a discounted or included spouse/wife fishing license for those who purchase a Conservation Patron License.

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County Vote: (by show of hands or written ballot where appropriate) YES _____

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